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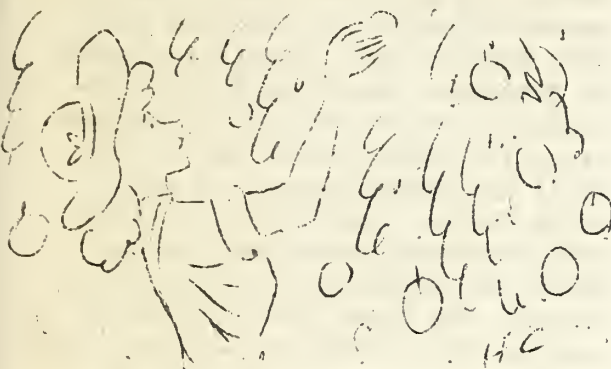
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APPLE PICKING TIME

Have you ever had the exhilarating experience of picking great, big, luscious apples in a beautiful Virginia orchard? The air is crisp and there is a smell of fall in the air. Little white fluffs of clouds float in the bright blue sky and the sun is warm and friendly on your back. We've been there and we love it and what's more we've heard of a grand opportunity for you to enjoy this wonderful experience.

The Virginia apple growers need pickers this fall, just as all other growers have needed assistance all summer.

At Timberville, which is in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, 750 pickers are needed from October 2 to 28. Pickers must work a week or more at Timberville.

At Winchester, twenty people are needed each week from the 15th

of September thru the end of October. Workers will be accepted there for three days or more.

At Chilcott Orchard on Chain Bridge Road, near Vienna, pickers are needed from Sept. 11 to Oct. 30. Twenty-five pickers are needed each day and you may sign up for Sunday work, in case you've already taken a vacation and have only a Sunday to devote to apple picking.

If you have picked apples, you'll know how much fun it is, and if you haven't, you'll want to start now, so go to see Mr. John W. Jones of the Extension Service, who is at 503 K St., N. W., or phone DI. 7000, ext. 377. By the way, you'll be paid 10¢ a basket which will amount to \$4.00 to \$6.00 a day.

There are adequate living accommodations at both Timberville and Winchester, and the Chilcott Orchards are close enough so that you may commute. If you wish to drive to any of these places, Mr. Jones will see that you are certified for the proper amount of gas.

Mr. Jones has also stated that fifty men are needed by the farmers of Fairfax Co. from Aug. 28 to Oct. 1, to cut corn and fill silos. You may live in Herndon or commute. You will be paid 50¢ an hour. Workers will be accepted for two or more days.

MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

The following meritorious promotions were approved August 17:

George E. Gaus, cotton technologist, and Askew G. Ross, chief laboratory mechanic, O. D.; for the development of an automatic mechanical device for sampling cotton bales during the process of ginning. The value of cotton saved annually as the result of the development of this device would amount to several million dollars.

CHORAL GUILD REHEARSAL

The first rehearsal of the Choral Guild, under the direction of Dr. Walter Bauer will be held in the Department Auditorium, on Friday, Sept. 8, at 5:45 p. m. This group, aside from its radio performances and programs for U.S.O. clubs, will also cooperate with the Agriculture Players in presentations planned for this fall. For further information, call Mrs. Henneberry, ext. 6237.

HAY RIDE

Here's a tip to you energetic people who are good at organizing parties. Why not have a good old-fashioned hay ride complete with two horses, wagon, hay and driver, all of which will be furnished by Driscoll Stables at 736 - 12th St., S. E. The wagon will accommodate 20 to 25 people and will go wherever you wish. The charge is by the hour. Call TR.9011 for reservations for your section or bureau party.

We suggest a weinie roast in the moonlight at the end of the ride.

BLOOD DONORS

We've been very much excited about the allied successes in France during the past few weeks, and a number of people on the home front have relaxed with these first signs of success. One thing we must remember, however, is that those boys are still out there in battle and still need blood plasma to save their lives. Don't relax in this vital contribution which you may make. In addition to sending the plasma, the Blood Donor Center is now sending whole blood to England. Call Miss McFadden on ext. 3281 today, and make an appointment to go to the Blood Donor Center.

In addition to this service with the Blood Donor Center, Miss McFadden also furnishes donors to give direct transfusions to members of the Department and their families.

Several days ago, one of the Department employees, Mr. Arthur Garner, who had infantile paralysis as a child, called Miss McFadden to offer to give his blood to anyone suffering from infantile paralysis. Mr. Garner has given 7 direct transfusions to children and has given one pint of blood at the Blood Donor Center.

GROUP HOSPITALIZATION

Group Hospitalization, Inc., has announced that they will be open to new members among Department employees and their families from Sept. 6-15. To become a member, see your bureau representative.

ART EXHIBITS

The Corcoran Gallery of Art has announced a series of special exhibitions to begin in September. From Sept. 2 to 24, there will be exhibits of drawings and water colors. Beginning Sept. 15, there will be a continuous exhibition of the works of contemporary American printmakers. From Sept. 26 to Oct. 15, Kenneth Hayes Miller's etchings will be featured. Oct. 1 to 26, 75 Latin-American prints will be exhibited. All exhibits, except the Latin-American prints, are for sale.

The Gallery, which is located at 17th and New York Ave., N. W., is open to the public, admission free, as follows: Sundays, 2:00 to 5:00 p. m.; Mondays, 12 noon to 4:30 p. m.; Tuesdays thru Saturdays, 9:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

The National Gallery of Art is sponsoring a series of four lectures on the elements of art, one to be presented each Sunday in September at 4:00 p. m. The purpose of the lectures will be to teach us how to look at and appreciate paintings and sculpture.

On Sunday evenings at 8:00 p. m., concerts of recorded music are held in the East Garden Court. The Gallery is at 6th and Constitution Ave., N.W., and admission is free. The Gallery is open on week days from 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., and on Sundays from 2:00 to 10:00 p. m.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Graduate School begins its 23rd year on Monday, Sept. 25, 1944. The fall and spring semesters each run fifteen weeks. Catalogs describing the courses and naming fees and instructors are available in room 1031 South Bldg., and at the Independence Ave., entrance to the 4th wing of the South Bldg.

Registration should be made in room 1031 at the earliest possible opportunity.

To aid employees in planning their education and training, a panel of Departmental Educational Counselors has been designated by the Department of Agriculture in their major fields of study. These persons, outstanding in their respective fields, serve also as members of the departmental committees of the Graduate School and may be consulted by students from outside the Department of Agriculture. They are always available for consultation on educational plans to be pursued in any institution.

Each bureau and office of the Department of Agriculture has designated an educational counselor to advise with its own employees. The names of these counselors may be secured from your bureau contact officer.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - 1944

Govt. Dept. tennis groups may be registered for the Tennis Tournament under the auspices of Welfare and Recreation Assoc. thru Sept. 7, with Wm. Shreve, 1141 - 15th St., N. W. Call NA. 5165.

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

A national drive, addressed to American youth and their parents throughout the U. S. is under way. Uncle Sam wants his boys and girls to be in line when the school bell rings this fall. He's grateful for the assistance the youngsters have given all summer by working on vacation jobs, but when school opens their place is back in class, learning how to become better citizens and to shoulder the tasks which will be theirs when they have matured into men and women. We hope your children will be among the 6,000,000 others in U. S. schools this fall.

EXHIBIT IN PATIO

From Sept. 11 to 17, an exhibit on Food and Nutrition will be presented in the Patio of the Administration Building. The purpose of the exhibit is to give members of the Department a comprehensive understanding of the role of food in the health of individuals, in the strength of nations in their efforts for victory, and in building a future peace that truly guarantees freedom from want. It will help us to realize how important it is to eat three well-balanced meals each day--important to our health and as such important to our happiness and success.

HOUSING

If you have or know of available housing facilities, it will be appreciated if you will register them by calling ext. 3105.

TRANSPORTATIONWant Rides

Mrs. Robbins, 4106 N. Henderson Rd., Arlington, Va. Ext. 2831

Mr. Cohen, 1503 Hamilton, N. W., Ext. 6395

Mrs. Carroll, Greenbelt, Md., Ext. 5510

Mrs. Kennedy, 3000 Kennedy St., Queen's Chapel Manor, Md. Ext. 4889

Mrs. Duvall, Fort Scott Drive, South Arlington, Va. Ext. 6295

Mr. Pitman, 4701 Rosedale Ave., Bethesda, Md. Ext. 4741

Miss Stallings, 47 Galveston Rd., S. W. Ext. 5468

Miss Shipe, 47 Galveston Rd., S. W. Ext. 5145

Mrs. Hazelburg, 518 Four Mile Rd., Alexandria, Va. Ext. 6230

Miss Walling, 518 Four Mile Rd., Alexandria, Va. Ext. 2902

Mrs. Weinberg, Kent St., Arlington, Va. Ext. 3501

Mr. Frauworth, 1427 Sheridan St., N. W. Ext. 5553

Miss Leaman, 500 Whittier St., N. W. Takoma Park, Md. Ext. 4450

Want Riders

Mr. Loweree, 1714 N. Troy St., Arlington, Va. Ext. 5533

Mrs. Koontz, 5707 25th St., N., Arlington, Va. Ext. 3674

For transportation or housing information, call Miss Van Lear, ext. 3105.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT GASOLINE APPLICATIONS ARE CERTIFIED BETWEEN 4:15 AND 5:15, ROOM 528 ADMIN. BLDG.